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	Examiner Isaac N Hamilton	Art Unit 3724	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huang-Mo et al (5,605,086), hereafter Huang-Mo. Huang-Mo discloses everything as noted below in Diagram 1 except for free rotation of the suspension arm, which is disclosed in column 2, line 5. Retaining portion and coupling portion are inherent due to column 2, lines 10-15, which disclose that arm 20 is releasably secured in place. See diagram below:

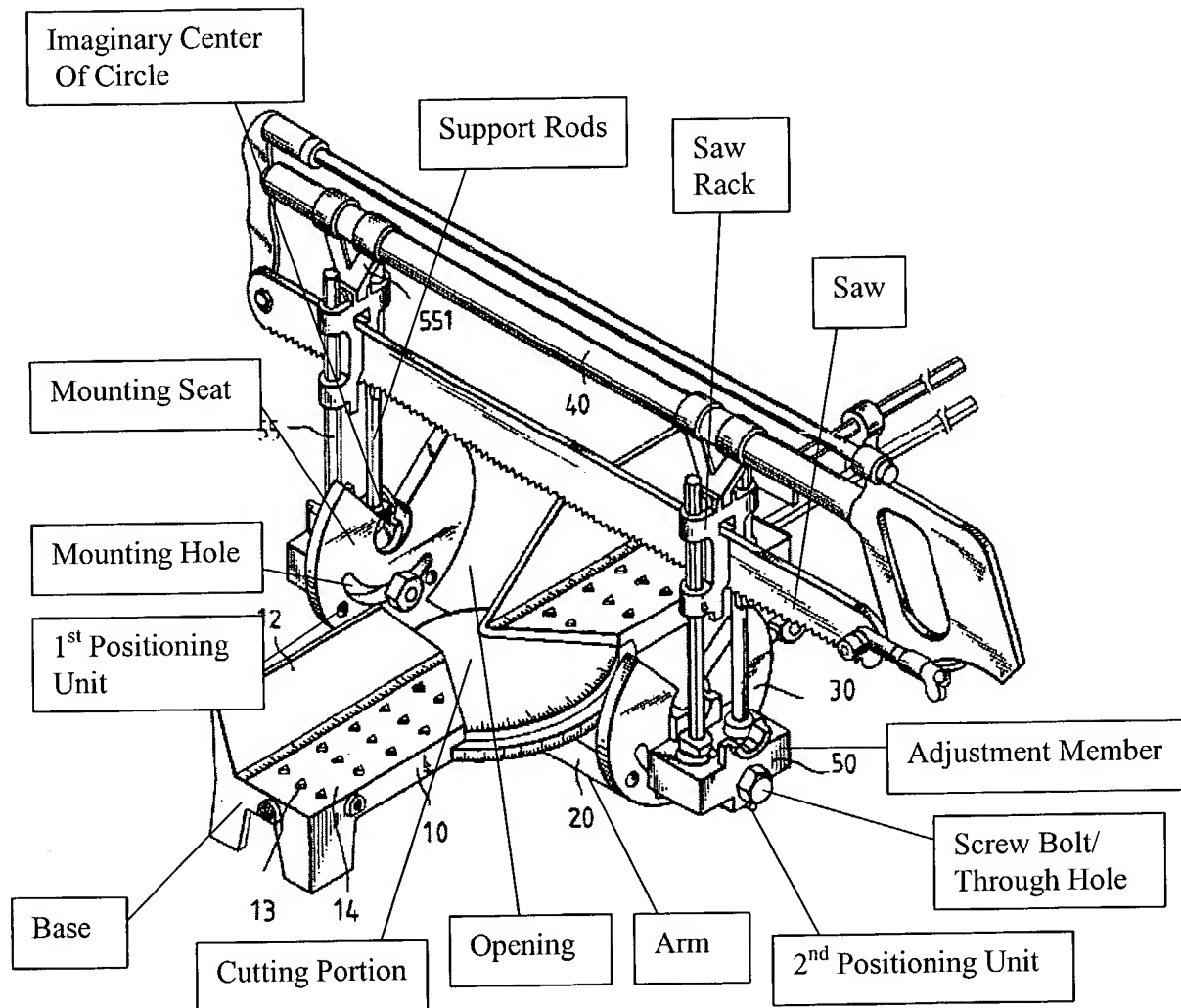


Diagram 1: Figure 1 in Huang-Mo.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang-Mo in view of Wang (5,392,679). Huang-Mo discloses everything as noted above, but does not disclose slots and does not disclose a locating rib. However, Huang-Mo teaches slots 33 and locating rib 43. It would have been obvious to provide slots and a locating rib in Huang-Mo as taught by Wang in order to provide a greater surface area between the first and second positioning units, which increases stability. Regarding claims 4 and 5, the mounting hole in Huang-Mo is arched. Note that the imaginary center of circle of the mounting hole and slots is labeled in Diagram 1.

5. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Huang-Mo in view of Wang as applied to claims 2-5 above, and further in view of Wang (5,575,191), hereafter Wang '191. The combination discloses everything as noted above, but does not disclose an arched fender, and does not disclose an arched bottom face. However, Wang '191 teaches arched fender as shown as the top arched surface of element 122 and arched bottom face as the bottom arched surface of element 123 in figure 2. It would have been obvious to provide an arched fender and an arched bottom surface in the combination as taught by Wang '191 in order to provide more support for the saw, and to partially relieve the positioning units and the screw bolt of the saw's weight.

6. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang-Mo in view of Wang '191. Huang-Mo discloses everything as noted above, but does not disclose plug holes, and does not disclose screw holes and screws. However, Wang '191 teaches plug holes 1231; screw holes and screws in figure 2 on and adjacent element 123 on the right side of the figure. It

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would have been obvious to provide plug holes, screws and screw holes in Huang-Mo as taught by Wang '191 in order to interchange support rods designed for saws of varying size.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

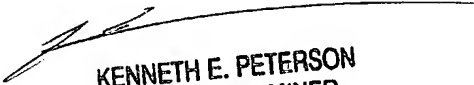
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac Hamilton whose telephone number is 703-305-4949. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday between 8am and 5pm. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on 703-308-1082.

In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that all formal responses be faxed to 703-872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.



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May 27, 2004


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